

(b) SPECIFIC PROGRAMS.—Of the amounts made available pursuant to subsection (a), \$600,000 shall be available for fiscal year 1997 for the purpose of carrying out programs sponsored by eligible entities referred to in subparagraph (D) of section 2411(1) of title 10, United States Code, that provide procurement technical assistance in distressed areas referred to in subparagraph (B) of section 2411(2) of such title. If there is an insufficient number of satisfactory proposals for cooperative agreements in such distressed areas to allow effective use of the funds made available in accordance with this subsection in such areas, the funds shall be allocated among the Defense Contract Administration Services regions in accordance with section 2415 of such title.

SEC. 802. EXTENSION OF PILOT MENTOR PROTEGE PROGRAM.

Section 831(i) of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 1991 (10 U.S.C. 2302 note) is amended—

- (1) in paragraph (1), by striking out "1995" and inserting in lieu thereof "1998"; and
- (2) in paragraph (2), by striking out "1996" and inserting in lieu thereof "1999".

10 USC 2430 SEC. 803. AUTHORITY TO WAIVE CERTAIN REQUIREMENTS FOR DEFENSE ACQUISITION PILOT PROGRAMS.

(a) AUTHORITY.—The Secretary of Defense may waive sections 2399, 2403, 2432, and 2433 of title 10, United States Code, in accordance with this section for any defense acquisition program designated by the Secretary of Defense for participation in the defense acquisition pilot program authorized by section 809 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 1991 (Public Law 101-510; 10 U.S.C. 2430 note).

(b) OPERATIONAL TEST AND EVALUATION.—The Secretary of Defense may waive the requirements for operational test and evaluation for such a defense acquisition program as set forth in section 2399 of title 10, United States Code, if the Secretary—

- (3) determines (without delegation) that such test would be unreasonably expensive or impractical;
- (4) develops a suitable alternate operational test program for the system concerned;
- (5) describes in the test and

evaluation master plan, as approved by the Director of Operational Test and Evaluation, the method of evaluation that will be used to evaluate whether the system will be effective and suitable for combat: and

Reports. (4) submits to the congressional defense committees a report containing the determination that was made under paragraph (1), a justification for that determination, and a copy of the plan required by paragraph (3).

(6) CONTRACTOR GUARANTEES FOR MAJOR WEAPONS SYSTEMS.—The Secretary of Defense may waive the requirements of section 2403 of title 10, United States Code, for such a defense acquisition program if an alternative guarantee is used that ensures high quality weapons systems.

(7) SELECTED ACQUISITION REPORTS.—The Secretary of Defense may waive the requirements of sections 2432 and 2433 of title 10, United States Code, for such a defense acquisition program if the Secretary provides a single annual report to Congress at the end of each fiscal year that describes the status of the program in relation to the baseline description for the program established under section 2435 of such title.